

SAR - DEIS - Appendix B

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0011965-001

Strongly support keeping road less areas road less, and undeveloped.

0021801-001

What specific improvements would you recommend for the Preferred Alternative?

I support the statement on page 4-3 that provides for consideration of the [Illegible] creek option of the Sterling Highway around Cooper Landing. How will the proposed presidential road less [Illegible] affect this area?

0021906-002

In regard to Equal access to the Chugach forest.

Without the aid of an ATV - Horse or even a bicycle, it would be nearly impossible to have a successful hunt in this area.

I think that a national forest should be just that, a forest that anyone can use by any means possible, air plane - ATV - snowmobile etc.

I am definitely against any closure at anytime to any user group at any time for any reason

0022424-002

The Delta is jeopardized by road construction, logging, coal mining, and oil and gas development. One corporation has already begun building a road across the Delta in order to clear-cut its land 55 miles east of the Copper River. If completed, the road would sever dozens of streams that feed the eastern portion of the Copper River Delta,

0022485-001

Regardless of the final outcome of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, we highly recommend that the Forest Service not select the No Action Alternative, Alternative A, or Alternative B, since all of these propose the greatest amount of new road construction that would require long-term maintenance. Minimizing the amount of new road construction is especially important as, according to the DEIS (page 3-318), 'few roads are planned for obliteration under any alternative. '

0022486-002

I oppose any more road building in the Chugach National forest.

0026367-001

I urge national forest team should be urged to adopt alternative to, strengthened to ensure that it protects all roadless areas from new roads and logging .

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0026748-001

I am a regular visitor to Alaska and love the outdoors. I see wild areas diminishing by leaps and bounds everywhere. I am informed about the Chugach, the Kenai Peninsula in general. Prince William Sound, having visited them all. I have not visited, but have heard a great deal about the Copper River Delta. Please do all you can within your power to protect them as pristine, roadless preserves for the next generation.

0026766-002

Keep all remaining roadless areas that remain wilderness study areas from motorized incursion.

0026977-004

3) The habitat values of the Snow River and the wild character of the Nellie Juan are too valuable to allow road corridors as proposed in the current plan.

0026987-003

Please make these rivers wild river status Nellie Juan, Snow, Twenty mile & upper Russian Rivers, and Resurrection.
[[Illegible] sixmile as a scenic river, please can you see it is important to limit development to the existing road corridor.

0027756-002

No road construction that would facilitate logging, mining and heavy traffic.

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0028263-001

. I think the forest should remain roadless and no logging should be built.

0029131-003

I don't want a coal mine in the middle of a Copper River Delta with a network of access roads. I don't want a native corporation to build a 55 mile road to an area where they intend to log approximately 8000 acres of forestland on their property.

0029141-001

I have recently been notified that in the new version of the Chugach Forest Plan, the Nellie Juan River Corridor is going to be modified from a recommended wilderness designation to something to be managed for motorized use. I would like you to keep the entire Nellie Juan corridor in wilderness. I have an interest in use of this area-- I am a whitewater kayaker, and I am planning a trip to run the Nellie Juan in two years. It would be a tragedy to lose another wild river to off-road vehicles.

Please use discretion and recognize the role of Alaskan wilderness in the national mind. Keep all remaining roadless areas that remain wilderness study areas from motorized incursion.

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0029220-002

*Study the roadless Seattle Creek and Resurrection River for potential designation as wild rivers and recommend Sixmile Creek for scenic river designation;

0029221-002

COPPER RIVER DELTA WETLANDS: Road construction, oil & gas development, & coal mining are extractive industries that would permanently scar the wild character of these magnificent wetland fisheries. Protect the Martin, Copper, Bering, Katalla Rivers as Wild for their outstanding and remarkable ecological values for fish & wildlife habitat.

0036561-002

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0029326-001

Please protect the Copper River Delta and the Tongass. Roadless is in the best interest of most Alaskans and Americans, Our Representatives in the House and Senate are out of touch with most of their constituents. They only see dollar signs in logging for a very few at the expense of all other values. There is value in wilderness!

0029370-005

Do not use the 'Forest Health' as an excuse for more logging in wild unroaded areas. The majority of the 400,000+ miles of already existing logging roads on OUR National Forests should be obliterated!

0029397-003

0029437-001

Please protect and retain roadless area in the Chugach. Please don't allow any clearcutting or new roads.

0029446-003

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0030760-002

strengthened to insure protection if all roadless areas from new roads

0034259-003

Restore natural quiet on the forest. Ban jet skis and limit ATV's, helicopters, and snowmachines.

0034420-004

Logging:

Please protect all roadless areas from new roads and logging. The Kenai Peninsula already has unprecedented logging and rearing on hundreds of thousands of acres of land. The forest Service will not gain revenues from logging delicate areas.

0034434-002

I want the following roadless areas also designated Wilderness;

- Resurrection roadless area
- Boston Bar roadless area
- Johnson Pass roadless area
- Kenai Lake roadless area
- Kenai Mountains roadless area
- Twentymile roadless area
- Nellie Juan roadless area
- Prince William Sound roadless areas
- College Fjord roadless area
- Fidalgo/Gravina Bay roadless areas
- Montague Island
- Hinchinbrook roadless areas
- 1 Copper River Wetlands roadless area
- Sheridan Glacier roadless area
- 2 Bering lake roadless area
- 3 Tasnuna river roadless area

The numbered areas are my 3 personal highest priority Wilderness designation areas.

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0034456-003

3) The habitat values of the Snow River and the wild character of the Nellie Juan are too valuable to allow road corridors as proposed in the current plan.

0034880-003

With the opening of road access to Whittier, there will be increasing demands on nearby resources. In particular, boating and mechanized access will probably cause the most stress to fish and nearshore habitats. As an avid kayaker, I would urge this form of recreation be given a place. Since I live in Southeast Alaska, I know of several well traveled kayak routes that offer protection from severe weather and outstanding recreational opportunities. I know Prince William Sound kayakers have their favorite destinations and routes. It would be advantageous to kayakers if these routes were managed for this type of recreation. Recognition of kayak routes by the Forest Service and management of shoreline areas for primitive access would give kayakers an alternative to avoid the high use areas and mechanized boaters.

0034881-004

Apply a roadless designation, and limits to timber production and mineral extraction for the Copper River Delta. I do support a high priority for protection of habitat protection and wild and scenic values on the Copper River and its Delta.

I support a roadless designation, and a ban on logging and mining, on the Copper River Delta. I'd like to see a strong effort to re-acquire the existing cross-delta road easement from Chugach Alaska Corporation.

0034895-008

I also recommend that all roadless areas in the Chugach Forest be included in the wilderness recommendation for the Forest Service's preferred alternative.

0034929-016

5) Since most of the Chugach National Forest is inventoried as roadless, we would like to submit comments on ORV use of roadless areas.

In addition to protecting roadless areas from logging and road construction, it is critical that these areas be protected from the ecological effects of off-road vehicles. ORVs are becoming just as big a threat to roadless areas as logging and road building, and in some regions they have already eclipsed other land uses as the major source of environmental damage and destruction (Havlick, 1999).

In many instances, off-road vehicles have illegally entered roadless areas and developed their own motorized routes. These routes effectively act as roads, but are unengineered and unauthorized, causing significant impacts to the roadless area aquatic and terrestrial systems that this proposal would protect. Indeed, ORVs, like roads, can negatively impact water, wildlife and soils, as well as causing noise and air pollution (Havlick, 1999).

0035899-001

I am concerned that the Forest Service's recent Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the country's second largest National Forest, the Chugach, does not adequately protect this invaluable resource.

The 5.6-million-acre forest is 98% roadless, yet not one acre is protected as Wilderness. The Forest is comprised of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Prince William Sound, and the Copper River Delta, and the issues and threats facing these three regions vary and demand wilderness protection for all regions.

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Keep all remaining roadless areas that remain wilderness study areas from motorized incursion.